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For: METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH HIGHLY

EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENZYMES AND

COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2007. An RCE is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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